



REGIONAL CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

MINUTES

- **CALL TO ORDER at and ATTENDANCE ROLL (10:05 AM)**
Henry Tarke introduced Keith Corry as the new Homeless Services Coordinator for County HHSA. Keith is known to the community due to his prior work with SD Housing Commission, a former mayor, and his efforts with homeless programs like Project 25. The RCCC welcomed Keith and acknowledge Henry for his excellent work with us last year. We hope to continue to work with both members.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 18, 2014 by consensus without objection.
- **PRESENTATION: Transitional Housing Assessment Results**
Simonne Ruff presented an overview of the Transitional Housing Analysis work that the Corporation for Supportive Housing recently completed. The analysis includes six key categories, five or more data sources (like performance reports, program-rules, organizational information, financial reports and leases, site visits, and interviews) for 19 projects that participated. The projects included 224 units with 559 TH beds. The overall results included 145 units able to remain transitional housing; 58 recommended for conversion to rapid re-housing, and 16 recommended to become permanent supportive housing. The report also suggests changes to current programs that will improve alignment with HEARTH. Members were able to participate in Q & A about the analysis, and options and challenges that could come from changing the purpose /design of some current programs. CSH and CoC are planning to continue discussion with participants included in the recent study to determine next steps. All agencies were invited to consider participating in the next round of analysis. A copy of presentation handout is available. The full report is expected to be posted on the CSH website within a week.
- **STEERING GROUP REPORT**
 - **Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Update:** Projects were received, reviewed and letters of endorsement or support were issued. For Priority# 1, ICS and PATH partners and VVSD and Solutions Consortium partners each submitted grant requests for \$1 million per year for 3 year terms. Renewals in Priority #2 and new Priority #3 projects received letters of support.
If awarded, these projects will bring approximately \$5 million in the first year to the region.
 - **SD HOPE – SOAR Technical Assistance Application** was submitted by St. Vincent de Paul and the Corporation for Supportive Housing. This is the first time San Diego has applied to SAMSHA for SOAR technical assistance. If awarded the project will expanded SD HOPE services and education to build stronger linkages.
 - **25 Communities / Cities Initiative –** San Diego is one of 25 cities invited to participate in a special initiative to end veteran homelessness by 2015. The initiative is sponsored

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by the Department of Veteran Affairs, HUD, and USICH. The focus is to achieve the federal goals of ending veteran and chronic homelessness by the end of 2015. Eight community representatives were selected to travel to Washington DC on March 27-28th to learn more about the initiative. Members are encouraged to visit the 25Cities.com website.

- HUD Priority Community Initiative Technical Assistance - Now that the HUD CoC NOFA has been submitted we will renew our work with Abt Associates (Jill Spangler et al). A site visit is planned for April 1-2-3. Watch for special meeting notices.
- Housing First Community Conversation – Matt Doherty, USICH has agreed to participate in training and a community conversation about Housing First. Selected funding sources and several providers have declared an intent to use a housing first model. A special session is planned for April 22nd from 3:00- 4:30 PM. Watch for more information.
- Closure of HUD Office – We have been advised that the SD HUD Field Office is closing to the public on April 1st. The RCCC granted permission to host a lunch to honor the HUD Office staff (Frank Riley and Myrna Pascual) for their work in our CoC.
- SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES
 - Action Team Updates - Team Leaders / Steering Liaisons
 - Governance and Administration – Lila Fetherolf – Governance has already made recommendations to nominating group, and worked to finalize Charter. The group is available to assist if the Steering Committee requests.
 - Plan and Planning – Keith Burke – Plan and Planning continues to meet weekly to work on a collaborative assessment tool that is now referred to as the SD Regional Tool that is an amended Dayton tool. The group has beta tested the SDRT and is finalizing an instruction manual so to be prepared to launch a region-wide pilot on April 15th. The group questions how the 25 Cities initiative might impact their work and are preparing information for the 8 leaders to take to DC.
 - HMIS, Data Governance –Holly Younghans, Imelda Mc Clendon Dolores Diaz – The HIMS lead is working hard to finalize the 2014 HIC for review and submittal. There are still a few un-reconciled projects, totaling approximately 134 beds. Methods for gathering and reconciling the sheltered point in time count data are needed. HUD deadline for submitting the entire 2014 PITC and subpopulations data in HDX is in April. Agencies have been given another 48 hours to reconcile. Data quality and completeness impact the agencies local review score and the entire CoC application, so are critical.
 - The DGC is reviewing the interim CoC- HMIS MOU. As agreed in January, the review and approval must be completed (including SC review) within 120 days of filing the CoC application. (Deadline is June 2nd). The HMIS Lead, DGC and CoC

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also need to move forward on the agency participation and data sharing policies. The plan (from October) to explore a standard release of information from the CIE or has been amended to consider other examples. These are important next steps in meeting the requirements outlined in the HMIS assessment report.

- Sustainability Working Group – Karen Brailean announced that Funders Together San Diego has set aside \$130,000 for the proposal submitted by the RCCC. More details regarding benchmarks and outcomes are needed in order for this to move forward. Karen requested a meeting between the Sustainability and the Steering Committees to work out details.
- Permanent Supportive Housing Policy – Marc D'Hondt. A group of permanent supportive housing providers from around the County met on March 3rd to work out implementation of the new chronic homeless priority policy for PSH. The group was able to agree to implement some standardized protocols such as a system for prioritizing CoC-funded beds for CH, a plan for projects with waiting list-to re-screen individuals on waiting lists to determine current status re: chronic and need management of waiting lists, sharing vacancies with other providers in the same user group, and use of a due diligence verification form. The group also discussed potential future policies, such as capping wait-list size. The next step is to meet with a fair housing / wait list specialist from the SDHC to assure that the plan meets fair housing guidelines. Sean will work on a notice that can be posted to increase awareness.
- Nominating Committee Update – A call for nominations has been released. distributed via email, announced at meetings, a press release prepared, and notice posted on websites. Rabbi Laurie Coskey convened the Nominating Committee for its first session on March 14th. The group plans to work through the process to prepare a slate for consideration in April. RCCC members were encouraged to submit nominations prior to the deadline on March 31. Paper copies of the nominating form were made available.

LIAISON REPORTS

- NAEHCY – Laura Mustari, Karen Alexander – NAEHCY will meet on April 8th at Cal Western Law school anyone interested in joining is welcome. The group continues to work on three main services. Rachel Mac Cratic is supporting the group with respect to laws addressing civil and housing rights. The RCCC hopes to be able to distribute a summary of individual consent rights that comes from the work of this group.
- Alliance for Regional Solutions- Filipa Rios –The North County ARS shelter season ends on March 31st. The group is reviewing and reconsidering the North County Plan.
- Downtown Leadership – Goal 2 – Tom Theisen – The Downtown group is planning to launch a Coordinated Entry System (CES) pilot in early April that will focus on chronic and start with the residents of the adult winter shelter tent. In one of his first

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actions, Mayor Kevin Faulkner directed one million dollars toward an extension of the tents. The expectation is that many of the tent participants will acquire more stable permanent housing on exit. The Downtown group is working on implementation plans.

- SD HOPE –Rich Penksa – Simonne Ruff – The SD HOPE training that was held at St. Vincent's was well attended. HOPE plans to expand into other regions. Another training is anticipate in summer, perhaps July. If you are interested in learning more, contact Rich Penksa at CSH.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OTHER BUSINESS / Adjourn

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY APRIL 15, 2014
10:00- 11:30 AM

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